

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Public Lands Section
State Office Building
Room 5112
August 8, 2006 - 9:00am

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
ZAREKARIZI, Susan - Parks and Recreation
BIRKES, Bill - DEQ/Div. of Drinking Water
GRIERSON, Dave – Div. of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
LARSON, Rick – Div. of Wildlife Resources
REICHERT, Mike – DEQ/Div. of Water Quality
CLARK, Robert – DEQ/Div. of Air Quality
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Div. of Water Rights
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pam – Div. of Oil Gas and Mining
CHRISTY, Kim – Trust Lands Administration
REICHERT, Mike - DEQ/Div. of Drinking Water
STONELY, Todd – Div. of Water Resources
CLARK, Robert – DEQ/Air Quality
QUICK, Shelly – DEQ/Water Quality
WILCOX, Rick – SITLA

Others Present:

MATOVICH, Jeanette - BLM
WRIGHT, Carolyn - PLPCO
JEMMING, Jonathan – PLPCO
COTTAM, Brian - GOPB
HUNSAKER, Lori – PLPCO
AULT, Laura - GOPB
SEDDON, Matthew – Div. of State History
MARSHALL, Shane – UDOT
ROY, Cordell – National Parks Services
CALLISTER, Jacob - GOPB
HOOD, Kim – GOPB
GARCIA, Tim – US Forest Service
PICKELNER, Joel – Div. Wildlife Resources
HARRIS, Reed – DNR
RAMJOVE, George – WFRM
BOYER, Barbara – BOR
KLEMM, Sam - WFRM

Kimm Harty chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Announcements

The minutes from the July 11, 2006 meeting were approved by Pam Grubaugh-Littig and seconded by Dave Grierson, the motion passed unanimously.

II. Special Presentations/Discussions

Long Range Transportation – Sam Klemm, George Ramjouw (Wasatch Front Regional Council)

By the year 2030, the population of Salt Lake, Davis and Weber Counties is expected to increase from a 2003 population of 1,387,000 to 2,139,000, a 54% increase, and travel demand will increase by 76%. Given that our transportation system is already overburdened in many areas, it is apparent that improvements in efficiency and capacity are needed. The question then becomes, which projects would be most cost effective in meeting the challenge of increasing travel demand? To help answer this question, the Regional Council uses a sophisticated mathematical model to predict future travel demand based on the estimated increase in population and historical trends. Using the needs assessment from the travel model, public input, recommendations from the Transit 2030 Committee and coordination with other government agencies, the elected city and county officials that comprise the Wasatch Front Regional Council adopted the Wasatch Front Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan Update: 2004-2030, in December 2003 that recommends needed improvements through the year 2030. The Regional Council is the organization responsible for setting regional transportation priorities. The Plan Update seeks for a balanced approach, which offers alternative transportation choices to the traveling public including programmed improvements for mass transit, highways, bicycles and pedestrians. Total projected construction costs for highways over the life of the Plan Update are \$9.6 billion. Transit construction costs are expected to be \$6.1 billion.

Private Land Purchases in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve - Reed Harris, Joel Pickelner

Reed Harris provided an overview of the purpose and establishment of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Basically the Reserve was established as part of Washington County's Habitat Conservation Planning and permit issuance in 1995. The HCP provides "mitigation" for all tortoises taken outside the reserve due to ongoing development or other uses occurring in the County. Washington County Commissioners support the HCP and the purchase of private lands within the reserve.

Three areas in the reserve were discussed including some 320 acres of SITLA land near Ivins, which will be purchased for inclusion in Snow Canyon State Park (approved previously by the Governor). Two additional properties still needing approval include 100 acres of land north of Washington City known as the Turkey Farm and 24 acres of land along the southern border of the Reserve known as ELT or the James Doyle property.

Reed Harris expressed concern that they could approve or forward this request as quickly as possible to the governor's office as they are ready to close on the Turkey Farm by the end of August and on ELT by the end of September. Funding for these purchases comes 90:10 federal match with the non-federal portion being lands already donated to State Parks in Zone 2 of the Reserve.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), reported that the Division has a new proposal to mine for gravel (Beck Street Mine).

Jeanette Matovich, BLM introduced herself to the committee, she will be replacing Matthew Higdon.

Dave Grierson, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, reported that there is an item on the RDDC project listing for oil and gas leasing in Beaver County. Also, the division will be submitting a new item next month for oil and gas leasing south of Wells in Sanpete County.

Brian Cottam, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) introduced Kim Hood who is the new Deputy Director of GOPB. He distributed the State and Local Planning Section, Fall 2006 Update.

Shelly Quick, DEQ/Division of Water Quality introduced herself she will be replacing Mike Reichert.

Tim Garcia, US Forest Service, reported that the Dixie National Forest began a contract for a Programmatic EIS which is scheduled to be out soon.

Cordell Roy, National Park Service – reported that Phase II Colorado Economic Study will be out soon for review.

Jonathan (Jonny) Jemming, Public Lands and Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO) met with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Division of Wildlife Resources and the Department of Natural Resources for a conservation agreement on the Grahams Beardtongue.

Pam Grubaugh-Littig thanked PLPCO for the refreshments.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

No discussion

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m. The next RDCC meeting will be held September 12, 2006 at the State Office Building, at 9:00 a.m., in room 5112.

